ALVAH JEDATHAN ALEXANDER AND ELIZABETH SOULE ALEXANDER

Acting Bishop of Midway Ward, 1902-1903.

John Alexander came from Sterling, Scotland, in 1640 and settled in Windsor, Connecticut. He had three sons with him, George, John and Thomas.

John Jedathan was a descendant of George who married Susan Sage at Windsor, March 18, 1644. In 1655 they, with others, settled North Hampton, Massachusetts which they purchased from the Indians.

John, son of George and Susan, married Sarah Gaylord November 18, 1671.

Ebenezer, son of John and Sarah, married Mehitable Buch, October 10, 1709. They lived in Northfield, Vermont, where he was a deacon in his church for forty years.

Thomas, son of Ebenezer and Mehitable married Phoebe (maiden name not known) December 11, 1754.

Jabez, son of Thomas and Phoebe, married Louisa Poole, February 13, 1777.

Alvah, son of Jabez and Louisa, married Phoebe Houston, May 9, 1822, at Acurth, New Hampshire.

Alvah Jedathan, son of Alvah and Phoebe, was born September 21, 1831, at Northfield, Vermont. The family joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and moved to Nauvoo, Illinois. They were close neighbors to the Prophet Joseph Smith. The children of both families played together.

Alvah was 13 years old when the Prophet was martyred. He went with his father to meet the body of Joseph Smith when it was taken from Carthage.

Alvah came to Utah with his parents in October, 1852, in the Captain Harmon Cutler company.

Elizabeth "Betsy Kincade" Soule Alexander was born February 6, 1834 at Dexter, Maine, daughter of Solomon and Lydia Bessee Soule.

In 1853 her family left for the gold rush in California.

In the fall of 1853 with an independent company of emigrants they arrived in Utah too late to continue their journey. They settled down to spend the winter in East Mill Creek, Salt Lake County, Utah.

Miss Soule found a job with a Mr. Roberts as a glove maker. While in his employment she heard of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and was convinced in her heart that it was true.

During the winter she met Alvah Jedathan Alexander and on March 13, 1854, she became his bride.

Her family left Utah for California in the spring which was a great heart ache for her. She never had the privilege of seeing any of them again except one brother. She was a splendid nurse and went day and night wherever she was needed.

In the year 1870, her family moved to Midway, where she became very active in the organizations of the church.

She has the distinction of being a descendant of George Soule who came to America in the famous "Mayflower" and planted his feet on the Plymouth Rock in 1620.

She died December 17, 1924, at the age of 90.

She and her husband were the parents of 11 children:

Mary Elizabeth Alexander, married James O'Neil

Phebe Alexander, married George Bonner

Alvah Alexander, married Dezzie Bonner

Adelbert Alexander, married Uiola Epperson

Ella Gertrude Alexander, married Robert Bell Ross

Frederic Soule Alexander, died when child

Ada DeAna Alexander, married Thomas Edmundston Bonner

Charles Edwin Alexander, married Lalla Ruth Springer

Henry LeRoi Alexander, married Susie Davis

Florence Mina Alexander, died when a child

Effie Mae Alexander, married Everice Bronson and Emile Nelson.

HENRY S. ALEXANDER AND SARAH MILES ALEXANDER

Henry S. Alexander was the son of Alvah and Phoebe Houston. He was born July 12, 1823, in Washington County, Vermont.

H. S. Alexander was a convert to the Mormon Church and moved to Nauvoo and remained there until the exodus in 1846. He held the rank of corporal in the Nauvoo Legion.

From Nauvoo they moved to Council Bluffs. In 1848 H. S. Alexander came to

Utah with the freight train of Livingston and Kimball, arriving in Salt Lake in September, 1848. He lived there a year and he was sent to South Mill Creek by Brigham Young to build a sawmill and he sawed the first shingles to be made in Utah.

Later he was called on a colonization mission to Carson Valley, Nevada, in the early part of 1856. During the journey across the desert the party suffered a great deal from thirst. They were three days without water. They were about exhausted from this thirst and fatigue. Enoch Reese, who was in charge of the party, turned it over to Alexander. They met an Indian who made them understand where they could find water.

H. S. Alexander went to Lehi in 1857 and from there back to Mill Creek and again took charge of the sawmill. He later went to Wanship and built another sawmill on Silver Creek. He operated that until 1869. At this mill he sawed the timber for the railroad tunnel in Echo Canyon.

In 1869 the Alexander family moved to Midway. While they lived here three children were born.

Later they moved to Heber, and from 1870 to 1901 he was second counselor to President Abraham Hatch. He was a patriarch of the Church at the time of his death which was March 6, 1903.

H. S. Alexander married Sarah Miles July 23, 1850. To this union there were born ten children:

Henry Miles Alexander
Sarah Heneretta Hettie
Lelia Naomi
William M.
Lilly May
Clara Prudence
Kate Josephine
James Monroe
Orpha Luwella
George Snyder
Charles (by another marriage)

HENRY S. ALEXANDER

Henry S. Alexander, born July 12, 1823, Washington County, Vt.

Married Mary Marstella of Harpers Ferry, Virginia. She died 1847. Married June Huston in 1848 in Council Bluffs, Iowa. She died after child birth. Married Sarah Simonds Miles. Born in New York, Dec. 27, 1831. Married 23 July 1850. Died Jan. 14, 1904.

H. S. Alexander died March 6, 1903, Heber, Utah, first marriage, children Charles M. Arthur (died).

Henry Samuel Alexander, son of Alvah Alexander and Phoebe Houston, born 12 July 1823, in Washington County Vt.; came to Utah Sept. 1848. Married Mary Marstella, of Harpers Ferry, Virginia, at Nauvoo, Ill., 1845.

Henry S. grew up in his native Vermont. The parents and older children of the family in which there were three girls and two boys, became converts to the Mormon Church and in 1841 sold out their property in Vermont and moved to Nauvoo, remaining there until the exodus in 1846. Henry S., was a corporal in the Nauvoo Legion. From Nauvoo the family moved to Council Bluffs, Iowa, in 1849. Henry S. came to Utah with freight train of Livingston and Kinkaid and arrived in Salt Lake in Sept. The other members followed in 1852.

Henry settled in Salt Lake where he lived for one year. Then Brigham Young called him to build a saw mill in Mill Creek, where he sawed the first shingles to be made in Utah. Pres. Young called him on a colonization mission to Carson Valley, Nevada, in the early part of 1856, being recalled that fall. During the trip across the desert the party suffered from thirst, being without water for three days. Their tongues became swollen and protruded from their mouths. They obtained relief before any fatalities occurred from an Indian band they met.

Henry S. returned to Carson Valley in 1857 and was again recalled on account of Johnston Army troubles. He went to Lehi in 1858 and from there back to Mill Creek where he again took charge of the shingle mill for a time.

It seemed wherever the need was the greatest for building material was where Brigham Young called him to go.

He later built the Wanship Mill on Silver Creek, which he operated until 1869; when he moved to Midway, Wasatch County, Utah. While on Silver Creek he sawed the timbers for the railroad tunnel in Echo Canyon, in 1871 went to American Fork Canyon where he bought a Steam Mill and again sawed timber for the Railroad Co. He also had a mill in McHenry's Canyon and later Daniels Canyon; he furnished most of the timber used at that time in Wasatch County.

He was one of the representative men of Wasatch County, always took a lively interest in its different enterprises. He was one of the founders of the Wasatch Manufacturing Company retaining an interest in that concern until 1902.

From 1870 to 1901 he was 2nd Counselor to Pres. Abram Hatch. Thomas H. Giles was 1st counselor. The Wasatch Stake at that time extended to the Colorado line taking in the counties of Wasatch, Uinta, and including Ashley Valley. This Presidency laid out the town of Vernal, and visited every portion of this large district wearing out three mountain wagons in the work. They were men of high intelligence and executive ability, for 30 years these three men worked side by side, for the advancement of the Church. When they were released from this job Henry S. was made a Patriarch in the Church.

Henry S. Alexander was a pleasant and genial man, large hearted, liberal minded, honorable and upright in his dealings, held a place of high esteem and confidence of men with whom he associated.

He died at Heber City, Wasatch County, March 6, 1903. Age 80 years.

SARAH SIMONDS MILES ALEXANDER

Sarah Simonds Miles Alexander, wife of Henry Samuels Alexander and daughter of Samuel and Prudence Marks Miles, natives respectively of Connecticut and Vermont. Prudence, the mother, died in Salt Lake in 1851, and the father, Samuel Miles, died on way to his old home in Connecticut to bid his family goodbye before coming West.

Sarah Simonds Miles was born in Freedom, Cattaragus County, New York, 27 Dec. 1831. She was baptized into the LDS Church when eight years old, and came West with her family in 1849 which consisted of a half brother Ira Miles, two older brothers William and Samuel Miles a younger brother Arson and another half brother Gustave. She married Henry S. Alexander in Salt Lake City 23 July 1850.

Sarah's father, Samuel Miles, was a tailor by trade, and although only a little girl when he died, she acquired quite a knowledge of the tailor's trade and became a beautiful seamstress, using this art on the clothes of her family. She was a good practical nurse, and was often in the homes of neighbors and friends in times of sickness. She loved refinement and always encouraged choice reading, and music in her home. She loathed things coarse or slovenly either in talk or dress. She was a devout Latter-day Saint, deeply interested in genealogy and temple work. She was a counselor in the first stake Relief Society presidency and continued to work in this organization as long as she was able to serve. To visit the outlying districts in the stake often necessitated staying away from home overnight as horse and buggy was a slow means of travel.

She was a good homemaker, always immaculately groomed, as were her children. She raised a family of 10. A good mother and wife, she was devoutly religious. When friends called on Sunday she would say "I always go to Sacrament meeting. If you care to come along I'd love to have you. If not, make yourself comfortable until I come back."

She was ever thoughtful of the needy and gave freely of her substance to the poor.

She died at the age of 74 at Heber, 14 Jan. 1904.